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#### NOMINATION

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Michael W. Hager, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Human Resources and Management, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

S. 2004, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish epilepsy centers of excellence in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs; S. 2142, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to reimburse veterans receiving emergency treatment in non-Department of Veterans Affairs facilities for such treatment until such veterans are transferred to Department facilities;

S. 2160, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a pain care initiative in health care facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs; and

S. 2162, to improve the treatment and services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder and substance use disorders.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 18 public bills, H.R. 4172–4189; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 64; H. Con. Res. 258; and H. Res. 823, 826–827 were introduced. **Pages H13958–59**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H13959–60**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 824, providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 3773) to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to establish a procedure for authorizing certain acquisitions of foreign intelligence (H. Rept. 110–449) and

H. Res. 825, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3915) to amend the Truth in Lending Act to reform consumer mortgage practices and provide accountability for such practices, to establish licensing and registration requirements for residential mortgage originators, and to provide certain minimum standards for consumer mortgage loans (H. Rept. 110–450). **Page H13958**

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Deacon Bob Little, St. Helena Catholic Church, St. Helena, California. **Page H13863**

**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yeas-and-nays vote of 221 yeas to 181 nays, with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 1094. **Pages H13863, H13888–89**

**Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, November 13th:

*Expressing the sympathy and pledging the urgent support of the House of Representatives and the people of the United States for the victims of the devastating flooding in southern Mexico:* H. Res. 812, amended, to express the sympathy and to pledge the urgent support of the House of Representatives and the people of the United States for the victims of the devastating flooding in southern Mexico, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 421 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 1087; **Pages H13873–74**

*Support for the Museum of the History of Polish Jews Act of 2007:* H.R. 3320, to provide assistance for the Museum of the History of Polish Jews in Warsaw, Poland, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 407 yeas to 13 nays, Roll No. 1088; and **Pages H13874–75**

*Condemning the November 6, 2007, terrorist bombing in Afghanistan and expressing condolences to the people of Afghanistan and the members of the Wolesi Jirga:* H. Res. 811, to condemn the November 6, 2007, terrorist bombing in Afghanistan and expressing condolences to the people of Afghanistan and the members of the Wolesi Jirga, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 418 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 1089. **Page H13876**

**Moment of Silence:** The House observed a moment of silence in honor of Augustus (Gus) Hawkins, former Member of Congress. **Pages H13875–76**

**Head Start for School Readiness Act:** The House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 1429, to reauthorize the Head Start Act, to improve program quality, and to expand access, by a ye-and-nay vote of 381 yeas to 36 nays, Roll No. 1090.

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H. Res. 813, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report, was agreed to by voice vote after agreeing to order the previous question by a ye-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 1086.

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**Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, November 13th:

***PROTECT Our Children Act of 2007:*** H.R. 3845, amended, to establish a Special Counsel for Child Exploitation Prevention and Interdiction within the Office of the Deputy Attorney General, to improve the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, to increase resources for regional computer forensic labs, and to make other improvements to increase the ability of law enforcement agencies to investigate and prosecute child predators, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 415 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 1091 and

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***Keeping the Internet Devoid of Sexual Predators Act of 2007:*** H.R. 719, amended, to require convicted sex offenders to register online identifiers, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 417 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 1092.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To authorize additional appropriations for supervision of Internet access by sex offenders convicted under Federal law, and for other purposes.”.

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**Directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to correct the enrollment of H.R. 1429:** The House agreed by unanimous consent to H. Con. Res. 258, to direct the Clerk of the House of Representatives to correct the enrollment of H.R. 1429.

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**Question of Consideration:** The House agreed to consider H. Res. 817, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 3074) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, by a ye-and-nay vote of 197 yeas to 186 nays, Roll No. 1093.

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**Motion to Adjourn:** Rejected the Lincoln Diaz-Balart motion to adjourn by a ye-and-nay vote of 150 yeas to 244 nays, Roll No. 1095.

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**Motion to Adjourn:** Rejected the Flake motion to adjourn by a ye-and-nay vote of 154 yeas to 252 nays, Roll No. 1100.

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**Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008:** The House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 3074, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, by a ye-and-nay vote of 270 yeas to 147 nays, Roll No. 1102.

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Rejected the Lewis (CA) motion to recommit the bill to the committee of conference by a ye-and-nay vote of 182 yeas to 231 nays, Roll No. 1101.

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H. Res. 817, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 224 ayes to 194 noes, Roll No. 1098, and the House subsequently agreed to the motion to table the motion to reconsider the vote, by a recorded vote of 213 ayes to 194 noes, Roll No. 1099. Earlier, the House agreed to order the previous question by a recorded vote of 221 ayes to 195 noes, Roll No. 1096, and subsequently agreed to the motion to table the motion to reconsider the vote by a recorded vote of 221 ayes to 196 noes, Roll No. 1097.

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**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, November 13th:

***Effective Child Pornography Prosecution Act of 2007:*** H.R. 4120, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for more effective prosecution of cases involving child pornography, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 409 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 1105.

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**Call of the House:** On the Call of the House, 377 members reported their presence, Roll No. 1106.

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**Orderly and Responsible Iraq Redeployment Appropriations Act, 2008:** The House passed H.R. 4156, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, by a ye-and-nay vote of 218 yeas to 203 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 1108.

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Rejected the Young (FL) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House

forthwith with amendments, by a yea-and-nay vote of 192 yeas to 231 nays, Roll No. 1107.

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H. Res. 818, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 1104, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 209 yeas to 185 nays, Roll No. 1103.

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**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9:00 a.m. tomorrow, November 15th. Page H13943

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H13904.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Eighteen yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H13873, H13874, H13874–75, H13876, H13883–84, H13884, H13885, H13888, H13889, H13891, H13893, H13894, H13894–95, H13895, H13901–02, H13903, H13904, H13915, H13915–16, H13916–17, H13942–43, and H13943. There was one quorum call, Roll No. 1106, which appears on pages H13937–38.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12 a.m.

## Committee Meetings

### CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on Capitol Visitor Center. Testimony was heard from Stephen T. Ayers, Acting Architect of the Capitol; Bernard Ungar, Capitol Visitor Center Project Executive, Architect of the Capitol; Terrie S. Rouse, CEO for Visitor Services, Capitol Visitor Center; Chief Phillip D. Morse, Sr., Chief of Police, U.S. Capitol Police; and Terrell Dorn, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO.

### AFRICA COMMAND

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing on Africa Command. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Ryan Henry, Principal Under Secretary, Policy; and GEN William E. Ward, USA, Command U.S. Africa Command; and Ambassador Stephen Mull, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State.

### COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY AND AFFORDABILITY ACT OF 2007

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Began mark up of H.R. 4137, College Opportunity and Affordability Act of 2007.

Will continue tomorrow

### MERIDA INITIATIVE

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Held a hearing on the Merida Initiative: Assessing Plans to Step Up our Security Cooperation with Mexico and Central America. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Thoms A. Shannon, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs; and David T. Johnson, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs.

### U.S.-GREECE RELATIONS AND REGIONAL ISSUES

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Europe held a hearing on U.S.-Greece Relations and Regional Issues. Testimony was heard from R. Nicholas Burns, Under Secretary, Political Affairs, Department of State.

### TSA SECURITY TEST TIP OFF

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Held a hearing entitled “Cover Blown—Did TSA Tip Off Airport Screeners about Covert Testing?” Testimony was heard from Edmond S. Hawley, Assistant Secretary, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; Gregory Kutz, Managing Director, Office of Forensic Audits and Special Investigations, GAO; and a public witness.

### ONLINE GAMBLING ENFORCEMENT POLICIES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Held a hearing on Establishing Consistent Enforcement Policies in the Context of Online Wagers. Testimony was heard from Representatives Berkley and Goodlatte; Catherine Hanaway, U.S. Attorney, Eastern District of Missouri, Department of Justice; Valerie Abend, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Critical Infrastructure Protection and Compliance, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2445, To amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to recognize Alexander Creek as a Native village; H.R. 3350, Alaska Native Veterans Land Allotment Equity Act; H.R. 3351, Native American Challenge Demonstration Project Act of 2007; and H.R. 3560, Southeast Alaska Native Land Entitlement Finalization Act. Testimony was heard from Michael Nedd, Assistant Director, Minerals, Realty and Resource Protection, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Melissa Simpson, Deputy Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment, USDA; Ben